

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 29, 2003

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works- **Solid Waste Management Division**

**SUBJECT: PURCHASE ORDER WITH KAYNAYAN CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY
EXCAVATOR RENTAL**

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Purchasing Agent to increase Purchase Order (PO) #D1018 with Kaynayan Construction from \$25,000 to an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the rental of an excavator used for Bark Beetle waste disposal operations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD), in response to the Bark Beetle infestation emergency, is operating two Air Curtain Destructors (incinerators) to burn the wood waste received at a processing site off of State Highway 173 in the Burnt Flats area near Lake Arrowhead. Wood waste brought to the site is incinerated and the remaining ash material is disposed of at the San Timoteo Landfill.

In order to operate the Air Curtain Destructors, a loader and an excavator are needed to load wood waste and unload the ash material. SWMD purchased an excavator for use at the wood waste disposal site, which was authorized for purchase in an item presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2003. However on July 10, 2003, the excavator broke down. While repairable, an excavator was still needed to continue operating the Air Curtain Destructors. An emergency PO was issued to Kaynayan Construction, who had an excavator and operator available for rent on such short notice. Because of the increased work schedule of waste disposal operations, the PO amount of \$25,000 was exceeded the weekend of July 19th. Parts ordered for the repair of the excavator were scheduled for delivery on July 18th. The estimated completion date for repairs on the excavator was July 25th.

This increase in the amount of the Purchase Order is to cover the cost of excavator rental fees in excess of the original \$25,000 PO while the damaged excavator was being repaired. Once repaired, this excavator will be the backup to another excavator, which SWMD is seeking Board authorization to purchase. This action is on a separate item being presented to the Board on this same July 29, 2003 agenda.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Purchasing (Zack Avey, Deputy Purchasing Agent) on July 17, 2003. This item was also reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Robert L. Jocks on July 17, 2003, and County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on July 21, 2003.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funds for this action in the amount of \$75,000 are available in the SWMD's Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Budget; Fund: EAA, Dept: SWM, Org: OPS, Appr: 200, Object: 2895 – 53R62253

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the Department's proposal and recommends this action based on the following: A state of emergency exists in the local mountains due to the existence of more than 99,000 acres of dead, dying, and diseased trees that pose a significant fire threat. Emergency rental of the excavator from Kaynayan Construction was necessary for the uninterrupted operation of the Air Curtain Destructors for wood waste disposal operations due to the Bark Beetle infestation.

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: All

PRESENTER: Peter H. Wulfman, 386-8703

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